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	10/535,677	KUMAR ET AL.
	Examiner	Art Unit
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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 28 March 2006.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
 - 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) 3,4,6 and 15 is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1,2,5,7-14 and 16-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____. |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claims 1-20 are pending in this application.

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 3/28/06 is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement has been considered by the examiner.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

5. This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of

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the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103(c) and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

6. Claims 1-2 and 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eckrich et al(US 4,977,257) or Brennan(US 5,091,525).

Eckrich et al, column 1, lines 29-45, or Brennan, column 1, lines 10-50, teach DMF, monohydrate solvate of loracarbf. The difference between the reference and herein claimed solvate is DMA solvate claimed in herein versus DMF solvate taught in the reference. However, it would have been prima facie obvious to use DMA instead of DMF, because DMA is no more than a higher homolog of the ester, with the reasonable expectation of achieving a successful pharmaceutical composition, absent evidence to the contrary. In terms of X-ray diffraction, a slight difference between DMA and DMF solvate is expected and is obvious. With respect to bulk density, that is inherent to the property of the compound and pharmaceutical preparation can be made accordingly.

7. Claims 5, 7-14, 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over combined teachings of Eckrich et al and Brennan.

Eckrich et al is teaching a similar process of making dimethylformamide monohydrate solvate of loracarbf as claimed herein. See for example, column 3 and column 4. The difference between the reference and herein claimed process is DMF

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used as starting material in the reference as against DMA in herein. Also, various bases are not taught in the reference.

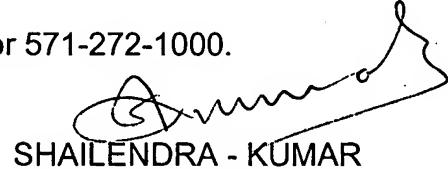
It would have been *prima facie* obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the process of Eckrich et al by using DMA instead of DMF, because DMA is no more than an adjacent higher ester than DMF, and since the process is analogous, one of ordinary skill in the art would expect to obtain DMA derivative similar to DMF derivative in the reference, with slight differences in the X-ray pattern, which is expected. Or alternatively, modify the process of Eckrich by using the various bases as taught in Brennan, because the latter reference is expressly teaching that use of bases are old in the analogous process.

8. Claims 3, 4, 6 and 15 are free of prior art and are allowable.
9. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to SHAILENDRA -. KUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-0640. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur 8:00-5:30, Alt Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman Page can be reached on (571)272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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